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"(c) The reason for non-issue of cheques by certain courts was due to the fact that the stock of cheque books with them was exhausted. The cheque books could not be printed and supplied in time for want of the required paper. They have since been supplied to the mufassal courts.

"(d) The requests for supply of cheque books were pending from two to five months."

SRI KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE :—" May I know whether cheque books are printed here in the Madras State and whether the paper is manufactured in our State?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Cheque books are printed here but the paper is imported from outside our country."

SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" There was considerable hardship on account of the delay in the supply of cheque books and the parties who got orders could not get money from the court for want of cheque books. Will the Government have forethought at least in future and make these cheque books available in abundance to courts?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I could very well realize the inconvenience caused to the parties and I am sorry for it. We shall take measures to see that hereafter such a thing does not occur."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" சர்க்காரால் நபர்களுக்குக் கொடுக்க வேண்டிய பணம் இரண்டு மாதத்திலிருந்து ஐந்து மாதம்வரை கொடுக்கப்படவில்லை. இந்த கால தாமதத்திற்கு சர்க்காரே பொறுப்பானதால் அந்தப் பணத்திற்கு வட்டி போட்டுக் கொடுப்பதற்கு சர்க்கார் உத்தேசிக்குமா ?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am glad the hon. Leader of the Opposition is acting as a lawyer for those clients. If he issues a lawyer's notice, I shall consider it."

*Retrenchment of attenders in Civil Supplies Department, Kozhikode.*

* 106 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that on 8th August 1954, 21 attenders working in the Government godowns in Kozhikode under the Civil Supplies Department were retrenched even without their arrear of salary being paid to them; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (a) Twenty-one attenders were appointed for storage work in Kozhikode on the 1st June 1954 and discharged on the 8th June 1954 (and not on 8th August 1954).

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"(b) The attenders had been appointed by the Collector of Malabar in anticipation of sanction and their pay could not be drawn and disbursed pending sanction of their employment. Hence the delay. The Collector has reported that the pay of all the attenders except two whose addresses are not known, have been drawn and disbursed and that steps are taken to disburse the pay of the remaining two persons also."

*Grant of loan to the new Co-operative Milk Supply Society, Madras.*

* 107 *Q.*—SRI A. RATNAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of loan granted to the New Co-operative Milk Supply Society, Madras, in the year 1952;

(*b*) whether any staff member of the society was prosecuted and convicted for adulteration of milk;

(*c*) the number of milk centres managed by the Society; and

(*d*) the approximate quantity of milk supplied by the Society?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"(*a*) It is not clear to which Society the questions refer.

"(*b*) *to* (*d*) Do not arise."

SRI A. RATNAM :—"May I know the names and the number of societies existing in the Madras State?"

MR. SPEAKER :—"Let the hon. Member give notice of a separate question."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—"Is there any Co-operative Milk Supply Society in Madras to which a loan has been granted and any of whose office-bearers has been prosecuted?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"The Madras Milk Supply Union was granted a loan of Rs. 3,49,040 in 1952. No member of the staff of that Union was prosecuted."

***Retrenchment of workers of the Highways Department in Cannanore Section, Malabar.***

* 108 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many workers working in the Highways Department in Cannanore section, Malabar, were retrenched on 2nd February 1954;

(*b*) the reasons therefor;

(*c*) how many of them were taken back afterwards;

(*d*) whether the workers were given any notice before retrenchment; and

(*e*) if so, when?